

2016-2017 FAQ'S

1. Is there a requirement for Independent Audit?

Subgrantee shall submit a copy of an annual audit to ServeNebraska per one of the following requirements, as it applies to the Subgrantee.

- a. A Certified Independent Financial Review completed by a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) is due 30 days after Subgrantee release if Subgrantee expects to expend less than \$750,000 from all Federal Financial Assistance sources and has agency expenditures of less than \$75,000.
- b. A Certified Independent Fiscal Audit Report completed by a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) is due 30 days after Subgrantee release if Subgrantee expects to expend less than \$750,000 from all Federal Financial Assistance sources and has agency expenditures of \$75,000 - \$499,000.

2. What is the match for planning grants?

24% match is required for planning grants.

3. What is the percentage of time that program leaders have to dedicate per MSY?

Please refer to ServeNebraska website->Additional Resources->Program Leader Core Competencies

4. Rural MSY amount does that mean the program has to just be in rural or can it have a combination of rural and urban?

Rural: CNCS uses rural-urban commuting area (RUCA) codes to classify program addresses as either rural or urban for analytic purposes. RUCA codes classify U.S. census tracts using measures of population density, urbanization, and daily commuting. Census tracts with an urban cluster population less than 50,000 are considered rural (RUCA codes 4 – 10). Applicants are encouraged to designate themselves as serving rural communities if some or all service locations are in rural areas as defined by RUCA codes or if the program can provide other compelling evidence that the program is rural in the narrative portion of the application. This self-designation will be considered in grant-making decisions.

Refer to CNCS FY 2016 Notice Glossary

5. Are we considered a first-time applicant? We have had AmeriCorps members and been a partner on AmeriCorps grants, but haven't had our own grant before. I wanted to confirm this to make sure I know which matching rate to use and whether we need to include information about the evaluation.

If the organization was not the applying/fiscal agent for a current or previous AmeriCorps grant, then they would apply as a new applicant.

- 6. If we aren't required to talk about evaluation, would it be good to address this question anyway?**

Please refer to RFA-Page #22

- 7. Would it be appropriate to put all performance measures under H11 for alleviating hunger? I know the preference is for us to just select one performance measure, and that seems most appropriate, but there is also H6 that covers nutrition education.**

Please refer to pages 12-16 in RFA attachments & pages 10 &17 in RFA

- 8. When would we be able to apply for the next grant cycle after April?**

Next grant cycle would be March 2017 RFA would be released depending on funding.

- 9. There is no minimum living allowance for any less than full time positions. Does this mean that we would determine what the minimum would be for that member?**

Yes

Can we choose a rate in between the minimum and maximum for a member?

Yes

- 10. In the RFA material it says there is a match requirement for AmeriCorps member in the traditional grant. This means that we are providing the match funds through federal or other funds to support the position.**

Yes

- 11. Are there restrictions as to the money that we would use to match?**

If federal funds are being used it must be approved by that federal source in writing to be utilized as match.

- 12. I assume that any private funds we have would be able to be matched as well?**

Yes

- 13. Does the 15 pages need to be double-spaced or single-spaced?**

Single Spaced

14. Is there registration on e-grants required beforehand?

Yes, you need to register in e-grants prior to submitting a formula application.

15. What is the minimum number of members?

3 MSY minimum

16. How does the academic year impact a term of service?

It all depends on how an organization designs their program.

17. What are some of the options for health insurance?

<http://www.brainshark.com/willis/vu?pi=zJQzFmhvlzFNvvz0&intk=243334733>

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps/current-members/health-care-options>

18. Is there a specific budget that should be used when writing the grant?

Budget sheet is in the Formula Application Attachments on pages 23-27